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OUR METHOD WASTEFUL

IRISH ECONOMIST GIVES AMERICAN FARMERS ADVICE.

Farmers of Middle West Have Been
More Like Land Speculators
Than Agriculturists.

New York.—Speaking before the Economic and Historical Association, Sir Horace Plunkett, of Dublin, who has brought about almost a rural revolution in Ireland, and is said to know more about the resources of the United States than 90 per cent of our own citizens, said:

"I see a rapidly increasing cost of living. At the end of a century, as Mr. Hill has told you, there will be a vast importation of food stuffs into America if your farming methods are not changed for the better. Such a situation calls for urgent action by congress and by state legislatures. As an alien I have no right to say what such action should be, but if I may not prescribe, I may describe."

"The system of agriculture in the Central West, or that part of it settled thirty years ago, was the most wasteful I ever saw. The so-called farmer was not a farmer, but a land speculator. He went into the country knowing that the land was sure to rise in value. So he bought all the land he could get and then robbed the land to meet his obligations until he could realize his eventual sure profits from a sale. There has got to be a change. I believe there will come in this country co-operation between farmers—the plan long ago forced upon the farmers of older countries by the competition of the then virgin soils of America."

MISS BELLE KINNEY WINS

Her Design for Memorial to Women of South Selected.

Managua.—Recent reports that the Americans, Greece and Cannon, were tortured before being shot are untrue. The facts were in the possession of the state department at Washington a month ago, and it was generally supposed that any details of the tragedy had been given publicity through official channels. As it is, advantage has been taken of the opportunity in some instances to paint a picture that was more interesting than truthful.

The glory of Capt. Anibal Chaves, who refused to obey an order to take command of the firing squad, is dimmed somewhat by the light of known circumstances. Generals Toledo, Medina and Iriaza had implored Zelaya to abandon his purpose of shooting the two Americans.

Zelaya, however, could not be influenced, and General Toledo finally ordered Captain Chaves not to assume command of the squad. Chaves chose to obey Toledo rather than the president, and as a consequence was arrested and held in jail for six weeks. Upon his release Chaves made the most of the episode.

AMERICANS NOT TORTURED

Zelaya Was Firm and Unyielding to Requests for Mercy.

Atlanta, Ga.—A design for a suitable memorial to the women of the Confederacy was selected here Wednesday by a committee of Confederate veterans named by Gen. Clement A. Evans, at the Memphis reunion last June. All the Southern states except one were represented at the meeting. Only two artists submitted designs, Louis Potter, of New York, who is now in Atlanta, and Miss Belle Kinney, of Nashville. The design submitted by Miss Kinney was selected.

The committee held a session this morning at which plans were prepared for perfecting their organization and raising funds for the erection of monuments to the women of the Confederacy in each of the Southern states.

For the purpose of raising funds to pay for the erection of one of these memorials in the capital of each of the Southern states, the following committee was appointed: Gen. O. C. Walker, South Carolina, chairman; Gen. Julian B. Carr, North Carolina, treasurer; Gen. John P. Hickman, Tennessee, secretary; Gen. J. O. Waddell, Georgia; Maj. C. M. Felder, South Carolina; Maj. L. C. Scott, Mississippi; Col. James Dickins, Louisiana.

The price agreed upon for the monument is \$5,000, the veterans entering into an agreement to accept no less than ten in duplicate.

DRAW CHINESE OUT OF CARS.

Celestials Being Smuggled in Via Texas and West.

Denver, Colo.—Federal officers dragged two Chinese out of their berths in Pullman sleepers and will send them to San Francisco for deportation. The officers say the Orientals are members of the band of eight young Chinese who swam the Rio Grande river several nights ago. Officials assert that hundreds of Chinese are being smuggled across the Mexican border, taken to obscure points in Texas, Colorado and other Western states, and then shipped in freight cars to the Eastern cities.

TWO NEW BUGABOOS OF CHILDHOOD.

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The Anti-Cigarette League Says the Cigarette Is as Bad as the Hookworm.

COTTON GOES TO 16.16 30 PERISH IN STORM

INCREASED BUYING OF ACTUAL COTTON.

Spinners Turned Bulls—Receipts Are Light—Some Selling for Bulls' Account.

Memphis, Tenn.—The cotton market arose from its holiday rest with a bounding start and with the inception of business prices were 15 to 20 points higher in American markets and throughout the day the advance was maintained with only such variations as are incident upon the profit-taking that accompanies a bull market. It was a big, broad affair, and in point of trading the day has seldom been exceeded this season. Large sales were made for bulls' account. The market absorbed this selling with scarcely a flicker and was at the close high up to the best level of the season, with March in New York selling at 15.57 and May 16.12. Active options were 13 to 19 points higher, January in sympathy with the advance in spots, showing relatively greater advance.

The rise was accompanied by an active demand for spot cotton at Southern markets, which were almost without exception 1-8 cent or more higher. At Memphis the quotation was marked up to 15 1-2 cents middling, the top notch of the season. At New Orleans 3-16 cent was put on, making the middling basis 15 1-2 cents.

Receipts for the day were small at ports and interior towns and during the holiday interim were quite small at the ports.

Cotton prices are about one cent higher than a month ago, but the technical position of the market seems good and bulls are opulent and confident.

HIGH PRICES COME TO STAY

America Ceasing to Be Producing Nation, Declares Clark.

Washington.—"The present high prices for farm products have come to stay; the rural population is playing out; the present census, if it classes the unincorporated villages as towns, will show between 60 and 65 per cent of population living in towns," declared Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, the minority leader of the house. "At the present rate, in twenty years, the United States will cease to be an exporting nation for agricultural products, except as to cotton."

"One of the principal causes of the high prices of farm products is the worldwide movement of people toward towns and cities. While a few people in towns and cities have gardens and raise chickens, and occasionally pigs, practically the entire town and city population are non-producers of anything to eat, but are consumers only. For the first time, last year, Argentina beat us in exporting corn, and Argentina and Brazil are now fighting to take the frozen meat trade from us."

WE ARE MUSICAL BARBARIANS

Neglect of Musical Education Key-note of Meeting.

Chicago.—"The American people are musical barbarians, and the function of the American musician is to civilize the people." This declaration by President Abram W. Harris of Northwestern University, was the keynote of the thirty-first annual convention of the Music Teachers' National Association, which met here Tuesday.

"It is a regrettable fact that music plays such a little part in the education of the people," said President Harris, "and it is a shame that college graduates know so little of the sublime works of music. A young man who goes into the world without any idea and appreciation of music is poorly equipped for his life work, for he is forever barred from the uplifting qualities to be derived from great musical compositions."

SAID 'AMEN' TOO LOUD.

Fervent Worshiper Arrested Awaits the Grand Jury's Action.

Fairmont, W. Va.—Because, it is alleged, he worked himself into a frenzy, and the volume of his repeated "amens" came near breaking up several sessions of a revival meeting of the Methodist church, E. M. Snyder, a prominent farmer, was arrested and held in \$400 bond to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of disturbing religious worship.

BLIZZARD GREATEST EXPERIENCED IN YEARS.

Five Million Dollars in Property Destroyed in and Around Boston. Hundreds Are Homeless.

New York.—Eighteen persons in and near New York perished in the Christmas blizzard or from accidents caused by it. Six of these died from exposure after being caught in snowdrifts. Others were drowned and several were killed by trains.

Blockades on railroads created a shortage of food supplies and a consequent increase in prices, which contributed to the hardships of the poor.

STEAMER WRECKED.

Five Million in Property Destroyed in Vicinity of Boston.

Boston, Mass.—Masses of wreckage, apparently from the five-master schooner Davis Palmer, of Boston, were found on the beach at Hull Monday, and it is believed the vessel struck on one of the outer ledges of the harbor during Sunday's storm and went to pieces, with the loss of all on board, a total of twelve men.

Five million dollars loss was the estimate made of the havoc wrought in and around Boston by the blizzard as it swept New England and drove a recent tide over the coast.

On land no fatalities have been reported besides the four known to have occurred in Chelsea, where a tidal wave, bursting through the dyke along Island End river, flooded eighty acres of homes and forced 2,500 persons to flee, scantily clad, into the raging storm.

The storm was the greatest that New England has experienced in eleven years. All along the coast phenomenal tides were reported. In many places sea walls were battered to pieces, boulevards razed and curbs and houses along the shore destroyed.

ATTEMPTED TO KILL MOTHER

Would-Be Murderer Is Barricaded in House and Heavily Armed.

Memphis, Tenn.—Heavily barricaded in a little house on Fay avenue, armed with a heavy shotgun and a pistol, and swearing that he will kill the first man who attempted to take him, James Franklin Rosh, the young man who attempted to kill his mother, Mrs. Sallie E. McTier, is hemmed in by a posse of officers, who slowly but surely are drawing the lines of their dragnet closer about the man, who, from present indications, will never be taken alive.

Frenzied with rage because his mother had upbraided him for an alleged theft, Rosh, who is 20 years old, walked into the rear room of his mother's little dwelling, and without a word of warning sent a bullet crashing into her head. With a groan she staggered to her feet, and then, after tottering several steps, pitched forward on the floor.

MORSE NEAR PRISON STRIPES.

Only Technically Between Banker and Federal Prison.

New York.—Only a technicality now stands between Charles W. Morse, banker and one-time ice king, and the fifteen-year sentence in the federal prison at Atlanta. Judge Hough, in the United States court today, denied his motion for a new trial, but close upon the heels of the decision Martin W. Littleton, his counsel, announced that one more stand would be taken. Tomorrow he will move in the circuit court for a writ of error on Judge Hough's decision of today. If this is denied, Morse will begin the new year serving his sentence for violation of the national banking laws, the supreme court of the United States having previously refused to interfere in the case.

Runaway Boy Returns Rich.

Indianapolis, Ind.—From Nashville, the seat of Brown county, a capital yet untouched by a railroad, comes the story of the return to his parents in the lonely hill country of John Frenshaw, whom the old folks had not seen or heard from for twenty years, and who brought back to them not only their lost son, but also a Christmas present of \$5,000. John Frenshaw was 12 years old when he quarreled with his father and ran away from home.

TELLS OF COOK'S FLIGHT

IN DISGUISE, HE WENT TO EUROPE UNDER AN ALIAS.

Had His Moustache Shaved Off and Changed His Clothes When He Was Making His Escape.

New York.—Just how Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the discredited pole finder, fled from New York in disguise, took an assumed name and sought refuge in Europe was made public Sunday by Charles Wake, formerly a staunch Cook supporter.

"Just before he started north for the pole he asked me to accompany him," said Mr. Wake, "but I was unable to go. The next I heard of him was when he cabled from Greenland on his way south that he had reached the earth's top."

"I met him on his arrival in New York. I was in more or less constant touch with him until he went to the Hotel Gramatan, where he thought he could work undisturbed on his data for Copenhagen. Later he asked me to see him about a plot to deprive him of his records. He had received various letters, he said, and believed that his enemies might even take his life to get possession of his data."

"I also received similar letters, threatening death to Dr. Cook. What also made me share in the apprehensiveness of Dr. Cook and his wife was the knowledge that large sums of money were spent to shadow him and myself."

"At last the doctor became so fearful of harm that at his request I spent every night at the Hotel Gramatan from Nov. 19 up to the time he left. He was unable to get any sleep, and became a nervous wreck. Meantime he grew more taciturn. I could get hardly a word out of him."

"It was finally arranged that Mr. Lonsdale, Dr. Cook's secretary, should sail for Copenhagen with a typewritten copy of the records and that the doctor and his wife, with the originals, should sail for Genoa under assumed names on the Cedric, leaving Nov. 27. Lonsdale was to meet Dr. and Mrs. Cook at Stettin, Germany."

"They left the Gramatan the afternoon of Nov. 24, and by a circuitous route reached the Pennsylvania station, Jersey City. On the way the doctor had his moustache shaved off and exchanged his derby for a slouch hat."

"The next heard from Dr. Cook was a letter from Toronto, received on Nov. 27 by his wife. He asked her to meet him in Europe. In it he said, 'My wife is more important than the polar matter.' On Dec. 4 Mrs. Cook sailed for Europe with the original records. On Dec. 10 I received a cablegram from Dr. Cook from Lisbon, Portugal. I have no idea where the doctor is now."

CUT DOWN EXPENSES.

Democrats Will Fight Ship Subsidy During the Session.

Washington.—"The program of the Democrats in the house of this session is to keep down the amount of the appropriation bills and to vote against ship subsidy," said Minority Leader Champ Clark of Missouri. "The house leaders are rushing everything to get the appropriation measures through, and that subject and the ship subsidy proposition seem to be about the only two things that are to be taken up."

"We are opposed to ship subsidy bills. We favor a river and harbors bill. I look for adjournment of Congress in April, certainly by May 1."

CARRIE NATION APPEALS.

Fined \$100 in Police Court for Shaming Bar.

Washington.—Mrs. Carrie Nation has appealed the case in which she was fined \$100 for smashing the bar at the union station in this city to the district court on appeal. Her attorney has raised several constitutional questions in her defense, the principal one being that the prosecution should have been made in the name of the United States instead of the District of Columbia.

Benefactions Break Record.

New York.—The total public benefactions in the United States during the past twelve months was \$141,250,000—\$40,000,000 greater than any previous year, according to New York newspapers. The principal benefactors in 1909 have been the late John S. Kennedy of New York (\$20,330,000), John D. Rockefeller (\$12,925,000) and Andrew Carnegie (\$6,056,511). A third was given specifically for educational work. The total benefactions in the United States in the last seventeen years add up to \$1,000,150,000.

Renames His Baby.

New York.—John Henry Thirley, of Long Island City, philanthropist, scholar and educator, is trying to settle the question of how he will bring about the renaming of his latest son, born September 14, last. The child was named in honor of Dr. Frederick A. Cook. Since Cook's exposure Mr. Thirley has been seeking the means of relieving the youngest born from bearing the name. He does not know whether to appeal to the courts or simply to have the child rechristened.

FEAR LYNCHING OF NEGRO.

Slayer of Charles Lowery Brought to Paducah for Safety.

Paducah, Ky.—Being threatened with lynching, Homer Bridges, a negro, who shot and killed Charles Lowery, a young white man of Murray, Ky., was brought here and lodged in jail for safekeeping. While Lowery was walking along the railroad track near Hazle, Ky., Bridges shot from a coach, stating at the same time, "Watch that fellow jump."

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